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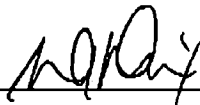
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Sir:

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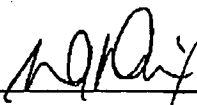
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☒ an Amendment and Response; ☒ a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time; ☐ Notice of Appeal; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Supplemental Declaration; ☐ a Power of Attorney; ☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal drawings; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

☒ [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	-	13 =	X \$ 50 =		\$ 0
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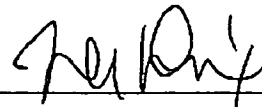
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